of this, and he may consider that point. I cannot give an off-hand answer now.

Demand IX—Forests—Rs. 7,652.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 7,652 to be spent for collection of timber to be sold. The budget grant passed in Karkadagam last was Rs. 27,000 for the collection of teak, rosewood and jungle-wood, and according to the removal as per demand and exigency, the total amount to be spent comes to Rs. 34,652. Setting aside the grant of Rs. 27,000, the balance is Rs. 7,652 which I ask for now. The different items of the Demand are for the removal of 2,000 candies of teak and rosewood, 4,608 candies of jungle-wood. Of these, all but 2,500 candies of jungle-wood had been covered by sanction in the budget. The balance is 2,108 candies of erul and erul posts to be collected and to be delivered to our Public Works Department and the Cochin Electric Co., Ltd., respectively. The cost of collection of 2,000 candies comes to Rs. 11,500, and the selling rate Rs. 18, minimum at Chalakkudi. The cost of collection, the Tramway charges, the seigniorage, all told comes to Rs. 15—4—6 against a minimum of Rs. 18. I expect to sell over. Then there is about 100 and odd candies of erul which have to be supplied to the Cochin Electric Co., Ltd. and the cost of collection comes to Rs. 1,125. The selling rate of that is Rs. 15—8—0 at Chalakkudi. The total amount of revenue on both these items is about 39,900 against an expenditure of 12,725. I request the House will grant the Demand

Motion No. 4.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,652 under "IX—Forests A. 1" by one rupee.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this token motion to call attention to the fact that a large quantity of rosewood has been under contract to be supplied from the forests of Cochin to a particular contractor. I am not concerned with names, and I do not want to enter into the merits of any particular contractor. But this contract is standing in the way of people inside the Cochin State getting rosewood from our forests. There are many people who are willing and anxious to get rosewood from our forests, and they cannot get any rosewood till this contract is over. This particular contract, I understand, has got still a large balance to be supplied to fulfil it, and Cochinites, who are coming forward for rosewood, cannot get rosewood from the forests. It is stated, till this contract is fulfilled, no rosewood could be got. That seems to me a very great hardship. If there is sufficient and more in the forests to fulfil that contract, I do not see why the extra quantity that is available cannot be supplied to applicants who want rosewood. I also under-

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stand that rosewood, if felled and stocked, do not fetch as good a value, when they become old, as when they are fresh. Fresh logs always fetche a better value. The old logs stocked are sometimes not so well appreciated. Therefore, I tabled this motion to draw attention to the fact that there are about 4 or 5 hundred candies of rosewood felled and stocked, which is not brought down and not made available to applicants at this present juncture. On the other hand, the rosewood that has been felled or which is under contract to be supplied to the particular contractor has not been brought down and supplied yet, with the result that this four or five hundred candies of rosewood that is already felled and stocked become old stock, and will not fetch that value, were they sold in a fresh condition. Therefore, this would be a great hardship. I want the Government to look into the matter and remedy it as much as possible. I may also inform, Sir, that the Government will be benefitted, if this particular contractor's contract be brought to an end within a short period. I wish to know whether the Member for Forests would be in a position to say as to this particular contract, which is standing in the way of all others getting rosewood, when it will come to an end, and it stands to reason that this should be expedited as early as possible so that other applicants for rosewood may get the same.

President.—Can you give information regarding this contract?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—We had a contract with certain parties for 3,800 candies of rosewood, and this was entered into year before last. There are now about 1,000 candies more to be supplied, and this we could have done within one month. But unfortunately the rosewood is collected mixed between the 41st and 50th mile with all other woods; so we want to pick out the rosewood alone and bring down. We are doing our best to get it down, and we think we could do it at the latest before the end of this year. One of the clauses of the existing contract is that no rosewood is allowed to be sold to other parties for trade purposes. Till that contract is completed, we cannot sell rosewood to private parties for trade purposes. In regard to the fresh logs, I have to say one word. The very fresh logs will not fetch a large price. My opinion is that a one year old log would fetch a better price than a three month old log. Then, as regards the 4 or 5 hundred candies of rosewood stocked, they would not be more than nine months old. By the end of the year we intend to bring down the whole thing.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask, Sir, when rosewood will be made available for the public at large.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The existing contract would come to an end before the end of this year. For the next year, rosewood would be made available for the public at large.

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Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—I think even now you can get rosewood for private use.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Nobody wants rosewood for private purposes.

President.—You cannot do anything with that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I do not press the motion.

The Demand for the Supplementary Grant of Rs. 7,652 under "Forests" was put to votes and carried.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Before we pass on to the next Demand, I have to say something. I sent a cut under "Customs", and I have been informed by the Secretary to the Council that my cut has been disallowed. There is no rule under which my cut can be disallowed. I wish to know from you, Sir, under what rule my cut is not allowed to be tabled.

President.—That is with regard to the next demand. I think the reason why it was disallowed was communicated to you, i. e., under what provision of the Regulation or Rules it was disallowed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No cut could be disallowed by any Rule or Regulation. If that is so, you can simply say that all cuts are disallowed.

President.—When once it has been disallowed, I do not know whether I can do anything with regard to it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—To disallow cuts is an irregularity. No cut can be disallowed. There is no rule for doing so.

President.—I cannot consider this point now. I am to dispose of only those points as are in the agenda, and your cut is not in the agenda.

Mr. A. B. Salem—I have tabled a cut. Am I or am I not entitled to move it? That is my point. I may tell you also, Sir, I was informed that it has been disallowed; may be by a palpable mistake. There is no Law, Regulation or Rule to disallow a cut motion. There is no rule for a cut to be disallowed.

President.—The Member may take the consequences of such a ruling.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Unfortunate it is that the President who disallowed it is not here.

President.—What can I do now?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I request you, Sir, to inform me about the right of the Members to table cuts.

President.—When once the President disallows it, even though wrongly, what can I do in the matter?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then, this may be postponed for tomorrow. The President himself said that he is not infallible nor the House infallible.

President.—This is not one of the subjects to be disposed of to-day. I am not going to consider any matter not in the

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agenda. The cut motion is not here. All the other cut motions are here.

Mr. K. T. Mathew—You may refer the matter to the Secretary to the Council.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have given a cut. Am I entitled to move it or not ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—This is a business not in the agenda.

President.—If there is a mistake, it must be rectified.

Mr. A. B. Salem. - So I request you to allow me to move a cut. I don't ask you to over-rule the ruling of the President. I request that I may be allowed to move a cut.

President.—I cannot do that.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—There is another motion in his name. Let him speak anything he has to speak on that motion.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I request that a note may be made of this matter.

President.—There are cut motions in the name of Mr. Mathew.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am upon the point that no cut motion can be disallowed by the Government or by the President.

President.—It is not in the agenda. The question is not before the House. Therefore, I am not going to consider the matter.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I say in open Council that I tabled a cut, and I do not find it in the agenda.

President.—Now; I call upon the Member for Excise to move for the Supplementary Grant under "Customs".

Demand VIII—Customs—Rs. 664.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 664 under "VIII—Customs-Establishment" by transfer from the savings under "VI—Excise (K)". This amount of Rs. 664 represents the furlough allowance paid to Adisubrahmanya Ayyar, the Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent of Customs, Malippuram. This furlough allowance was paid to him from the 18th of Meenam 1099 till about the end of Karkadagam last. Adisubrahmanya Ayyar was suspended on the 18th of Meenam 1099. Towards the end of Karkadagam last, final orders were passed over the matter of suspension, and he was retired from service, the period of suspension being treated under special circumstances as furlough. When the budget estimate for 1101 was prepared, and when the revised budget estimate for 1101 was submitted, Adisubrahmanya Ayyar was under suspension. So provision for his furlough allowance could not have been made then, and as a matter of fact,

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